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SUBJ: SEYCHELLES LABOR LEADER TO VISIT U.S.

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1. WE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR PUERTO RICO ISSUE IN UN IF USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON EXTEND TOO WARM OR TOO HIGH LEVEL A WELCOME TO SEYCHELLES OPPOSITION LEADER SINON (REFTEL).

2. AS INFO ADDRESSEES AWARE, UN COMITE OF 24 (COLONIALISM COMMITTEE,) AT REQUEST OF SPUP AND OVER STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS OF POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF SYECHELLES, HAS RECOGNIZED INDEPENDENCE AS ONLY ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL STATUS FOR SEYCHELLES, REGARDLESS OF ELECTION RESULTS, AND SPUP AS ONLY AUTHENTIC SPOKESMAN FOR THE TERRITORY. PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENTISTAS ARE DEMANDING IDENTICAL TREATMENT FROM COMMITTEE OF 24 AND WE ARE OF COURSE LOBBYING VIGOROUSLY AGAINST THEM ON PRINCIPLE THAT PEOPLE OF A TERRITORY, THROUGH ELECTORAL PROCESS AND
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NOT UN COMMITTEE, BEST JUDGE OF THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE.

3. DURING HIS UN STAY, SINON WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS HIS WASHINGTON VISIT WITH OTHER DELEGATES. WE WOULD FIND LOGIC OF OUR BASIC ARGUMENT AGAINST COMMITTEE OF 24 INVOLVEMENT IN PUERTO RICO UNDERMINED IF SINON HAD GROUNDS FOR CLAIMING IN HIS CONVERSATIONS HERE THAT USG SYMPATHETIC TO HIS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT. COMMITTEE OF 24 MEMBERS AND OTHERS COULD NOT HELP BUT DRAW ERRONEOUS CONCLUSION. THAT FEAR OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE RATHER THAN RESPECT FOR GENUINE SELF-DETERMINATION IS REAL REASON FOR OUR CONCERN OVER UN INVOLVEMENT IN PUERTO RICO.
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